World Bridge Tour
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Online Contract Bridge League

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Schedule Today

ROUND 1. Monday 18 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

GROUP A

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Keeva's Monsters
Leslie	VS	Tilly
Salvo	VS	Apple
Hotagrosstein	VS	Moss

GROUP B

Scorway	VS	Black
Rippey	VS	Skeidar
Wilson	VS	1C
Harris	VS	Fredin

GROUP C

	Amalgamated	VS	Zhao
	Khalidon	VS	Olczyk
VUGRAPH	Hunisr	VS	De Botton
	Big Ten	VS	Red Devils

ROUND 2. Monday 18 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

GROUP A

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Apple
Hotagrosstein	VS	Leslie
Tilly	VS	Moss
Keeva's Monsters	VS	Salvo

GROUP B

	Scorway	VS	1C
	Harris	VS	Rippey
	Skeidar	VS	Fredin
VUGRAPH	Black	VS	Wilson

GROUP C

Amalgamated	VS	De Botton
Big Ten	VS	Khalidon
Olczyk	VS	Red Devils
Zhao	VS	Hunisr

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE RANKINGS AFTER ROUND 4

1	Alpert	59.12
2	Potter	53.72
3	Carmichael	52.36
4	Fan	49.42
5	Cole	44.37
6	Munich	43.09
7	Robinson	37.99
8	Medium Rare	37.93
9	Sleepless in Seattle	37.43
10	Weekend Warriors	36.96
11	Pace e Salute	35.76
12	Sugi	28.96
13	Harris	23.14
14	Puzzles	19.75

The OCBL January Open Teams starts today

24 teams registered to the OCBL January Open Teams.
The World class field includes some all-time stars, as the Italian Maestro Benito Garozzo (pictured above).
Benito will be turning 92 this year.
The 24 teams have been divided into three groups.
In each group they are playing a Round Robin, the top two teams from each group and the two best third will advance to the Final. The Final will be played as three rounds of Swiss.
Details are available on page 7.

Alpert are leading the OCBL Mixed League

After four rounds, team Alpert (Claire Alpert, Janice Seamon-Molson, Charlie Hoyos, Leonardo Fruscoloni, Emanuela Pramotton, Alfredo Versace) are leading the ranking of the OCBL Mixed League (59.12 VPs), proving to be in the same great shape that led them to the victory of the January Monthly Mixed Teams last Friday.
They are followed by team Potter (C. Potter, P.O. Cullin, K. Dwyer, S. Huang, M. Michielsen, C. Rimstedt) (53.72 VPs) and by team Carmichael (J. Carmichael, T. Carmichael, J. Donn, C. Henner, U. Ivatury, R. Lee, S. Moss, S. Winestock) (52.36 VPs).
The OCBL Mixed League takes a break till next weekend. The fifth and the sixth rounds will be played on Saturday and Sunday.

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OCBL UPCOMING EVENTS

OCBL FEBRUARY CUP
1 - 5 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februarycup/

FEBRUARY OPEN TEAMS
15 - 19 February 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/februaryot/

MARCH OPEN TEAMS
8 - 11 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchot/

OCBL MARCH CUP
22 - 26 March 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/marchcup/

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
30 March - 16 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/openleague2/

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
27 March - 9 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mixedleague2/

OCBL APRIL CUP
5 - 9 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilcup/

APRIL OPEN TEAMS
19 - 23 April 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/aprilot/

OCBL MAY CUP
3 - 7 May 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/maycup/

MAY OPEN TEAMS
31 May - 4 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/mayot/

OCBL JUNE CUP
4 - 18 June 2021
Info: https://ocbl.org/junecup/

About the OCBL Events:

OCBL OPEN LEAGUE
Play 3 days a week:
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
at 21.30 CET (15.30 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE
Play 2 days a week:
Saturday and Sunday
at 17.00 CET (11.00 EST)
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL CUP
Play 5 days
Qualification + Knockout

OCBL OPEN TEAMS
Play 5 days (4 in March)
Qualification + Swiss A

The Name Game

by **Mark Horton**

Have you ever wondered about a team's choice of name? In Round 4 of the Mixed League I was following Weekend Warriors against Munich. You might think that the latter must be an all German team, but they have smuggled Poland's Sophia Baldysz aboard, so this must be a hidden meaning. I doubt it reflects a collective love of beer festivals, but there is surely a common theme. I'll ask the Editor to enquire.

Their opponent's choice is easier to comprehend. Every round of the event takes place at a weekend - QED.

There was an early sign we might get an interesting set of deals when West was dealt:
♠AQ1094 ♡- ♢A5 ♣AJ1093 2
on Board 2.
After partner passed and South opened 1♡ West bid 2♡ and when North raised to 3♡and South bid game, went on to 5♣. North doubled looking at:
♠J6 ♡983 ♢KQJ10 ♣Q764
but dummy held:
♠K8 ♡1072 ♢9874 32 ♣85
and there was no defence. A push at +550.

Two deals later EW held:
♠7 ♡AQ753 ♢854 ♣AQ65 opposite
♠KQJ8 ♡KJ84 ♢AQJ10 ♣4.

Trumps were 3-2 and the ♢K, ♣K and ♠A were all onside. Flat at +1430 and bid at every table.

Board 5. Dealer North. NS Vul.

	♠ 9 ♡ K Q J 10 9 7 ♢ J 10 7 5 ♣ 8 5	
♠ 7 2 ♡ A 8 6 5 4 3 ♢ A 4 3 ♣ J 3		♠ Q J 10 8 6 5 ♡ — ♢ K Q 9 8 6 2 ♣ Q
	♠ A K 4 3 ♡ 2 ♢ — ♣ A K 10 9 7 6 4 2	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	2♡*	2♠	5♣
Pass	Pass	5♢	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

2♡ Weak two

South started with his top clubs and declarer ruffed, cashed the ♢K, crossed to the ♢A and played a spade for the queen and ace. Declarer won the heart switch with dummy's ace, came to hand with the diamond queen and played the ♠J, claiming nine tricks, -300.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	2♡	2♠	3♣
Pass	4♡	4♠	5♣
Dble	All Pass		

West led the ♠7 and declarer won with the ace, ruffed a spade and played the ♡K, east ruffing with the ♣Q and winning and switching to a diamond. Declarer ruffed and played a spade but West ruffed with the ♣J, still +750 and 10 IMPs.

Board 10. Dealer East. All Vul.

	♠ J 5 2 ♡ A 7 5 4 ♢ K 4 ♣ A K 5 4	
♠ A 10 7 3 ♡ J 10 9 ♢ Q 8 ♣ J 6 3 2		♠ 9 8 6 4 ♡ K Q 3 2 ♢ A J ♣ 10 9 7
	♠ K Q ♡ 8 6 ♢ 10 9 7 6 5 3 2 ♣ Q 8	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

East led the ♠9 and West won and returned the three to dummy's queen, East following with the eight. A diamond went to the eight, king and ace and when East played a third spade declarer could win and play a second diamond, +600 when the defenders could only cash one more spade.

Both defenders might have switched to hearts, and the opening lead might have been a heart rather than a spade.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	—	Pass	Pass
Pass	1NT*	Pass	2NT*
Pass	3♣*	Pass	3♢
All Pass			

1NT 14+-17
2NT Transfer
3♣ Better clubs than diamonds

North followed the old rule - when defending a doubled contract where you hold the balance of power lead trump - and declarer won with the queen crossed to dummy with a diamond, played a club to the king and a club, South winning with the queen and playing two rounds of hearts. Declarer could establish a spade trick, but along with two more hearts that only got him up to seven, -500.

West led the ♡J and declarer won with dummy's ace and played a spade to the queen. West won and played two more rounds of hearts, South ruffing and playing a diamond for the king and ace. East continued with the ♡K and West ruffed with the ♢Q, ensuring one down, -100 and a 12 IMP swing.

Having taken the ♡A declarer can play three rounds of clubs to dispose of the second heart.
On board 12 East held:
♠A10754 32 ♡J8 ♢A ♣Q64.

After two passes Schneider opened 3♠ and played there. Migry opened 1♠, rebid 2♠ over her partner's 1NT and then went on to game when he raised to 3♠. West had:
♠J8 ♡10953 ♢632 ♣AKJ5
and the spades were 2-2 so that was worth 6 IMPs.

Board 13. Dealer North. All Vul.

	♠ A 10 9 6 ♡ 7 ♢ Q J 10 3 ♣ J 10 5 3	
♠ 8 4 2 ♡ K Q J 9 3 ♢ 5 ♣ K 9 7 2		♠ Q J 3 ♡ 10 6 5 ♢ A 9 8 7 2 ♣ 8 6
	♠ K 7 5 ♡ A 8 4 2 ♢ K 6 4 ♣ A Q 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	Pass	Pass	1NT*
2♡*	Dble	3♡	Pass
Pass	Dble	All Pass	

1NT 15-17
2♡ Hearts and a minor

Migry Zur-Campanile in sunny Tel Aviv
pic: Facebook

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	Pass	Pass	1NT
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♡
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT
All Pass			

West led the ♡K and declarer won and played a diamond to the queen and ace. East returned the ♡10 and West cashed four tricks in the suit and waited for a club, two down, -200 and 12 IMPs.

Board 17. Dealer North. None Vul.

	♠ K Q 10 5 3 ♡ J 5 4 2 ♢ K ♣ A 9 6	
♠ 8 4 ♡ 9 3 ♢ J 10 6 ♣ K Q 10 7 3 2		♠ A J 7 ♡ K 7 ♢ A Q 9 8 5 4 3 ♣ J
	♠ 9 6 2 ♡ A Q 10 8 6 ♢ 7 2 ♣ 8 5 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	1♠	2♢	2♠
3♢	Pass	3NT	All Pass

South led the ♡8 and declarer won with the king and cashed the ♢A. When his majesty appeared there were nine tricks, +400.

If South leads a spade and North plays the queen and declarer ducks would a heart switch be obvious?

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	1♠	2♢	2♠
3♣	Pass	3NT	All Pass

I would like to be able to bid 2♡ with South's cards - a quick check revealed that no-one did, confirming that my ideas about bidding are probably best ignored.

South led the ♠2 and when North played the king declarer won and cashed the ♢A. When the king fell the defenders were treated to six more rounds of the suit, but no-one was under pressure and declarer could not avoid one down, -50 and 10 IMPs. That made the score 44-33 in favour of the Weekend Warriors.

Michael Schneider

Joel Wooldridge

Board 18. Dealer East. NS Vul.

	♠ 10 7 4 2 ♡ 5 ♢ Q 10 7 5 2 ♣ K 6 2	
♠ K Q J 3 ♡ 7 3 2 ♢ A J ♣ Q 10 9 5		♠ 9 8 6 5 ♡ A K J 6 4 ♢ 8 ♣ A 8 3
	♠ A ♡ Q 10 9 8 ♢ K 9 6 4 3 ♣ J 7 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	—	1♡	Pass
2♣*	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	3NT*	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

2♣ Game forcing can be 2♣
2♠ Can be minimum
3NT Non serious

South led the ♢4 and declarer won with dummy's ace and played the ♠K, South taking the ace and continuing with a diamond. Declarer ruffed North's queen, cashed the ♡A and played a spade to the queen and another heart. When North discarded she ducked and South won and played another diamond. Declarer pitched a club from dummy, ruffed in hand and played the ♡K. North let that hold and the next heart was ruffed in dummy and overruffed by North, who exited with a diamond. If declarer had let South's king hold and then guessed correctly on the club exit she would have escaped for one down, but she ruffed and that meant minus 100.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	—	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♡	Pass	4♠	All Pass

North led the ♢2 and declarer took South's king with the ace and played the ♠K, South winning and switching to the ♣4 for the nine, king and ace. Declarer played a spade to the queen, a heart to the ace, a spade to the jack, a heart to the king and then played winning clubs, leaving the defenders helpless, +420 and 11 IMPs, making the score 44-44!

If South leaves the club suit alone and returns a diamond, declarer has no real chance. If declarer ruffs a diamond at trick two and then plays a spade he is well placed, but not quite 100% to make the contract. The same is the case if declarer crosses to dummy with a heart at trick two to play a spade. Again the appearance e of the ace puts declarer in a strong position, although it may still be necessary to get the clubs right. Lynne Koeppel was the only declarer to ruff a diamond at trick two and play a spade - she was rewarded with 11 tricks and an IMP - her counterpart made 4♡ after a low club lead for the king and ace.

Board 19. Dealer South. EW Vul.

	♠ A 8 3 2 ♡ J 7 6 2 ♢ J 4 ♣ J 5 3	
♠ Q 6 5 4 ♡ Q 9 4 3 ♢ 8 6 ♣ K 10 2		♠ 10 9 ♡ K 10 8 ♢ A K 10 9 5 3 2 ♣ 8
	♠ K J 7 ♡ A 5 ♢ Q 7 ♣ A Q 9 7 6 4	

Open Room

West	North	East	South
Rosenthal	*Baldysz*	*Zur Campanile*	*Gotard*
—	—	—	1NT*
Pass	2♣*	2♢	3♣
All Pass			

1NT 15-17 balanced

East cashed the ace and king of diamonds and switched to the ♠10 for the jack, queen and ace. A club to the queen saw West win and return the ♡4 for the nine and king and declarer cashed dummy's ♣A, unblocked the ♠7,crossed to hand with the ♣J and cashed the ♠8 for +130.

Closed Room

West	North	East	South
Smykalla	*Wooldridge*	*Schneider*	*Edmonds*
—	—	—	1NT
Pass	Pass	3♢*	All Pass

3♢ 'Diamonds :)'

South cashed the ♡A followed by the ♣A and exited with a club. Declarer ruffed and played seven rounds of diamonds. North refused to part with a heart, so that was +130 and what proved to be a match winning swing of 6 IMPs.

Gisela Smykalla

Interview with Hugh McGann

The infectious disease specialist says: "I think Bridge will not be the same."

Hugh McGann

We all know Hugh McGann as a World class champion. Yes, we know that he is also an infectious disease physician, but we had not really focused our attention on that till... an infectious disease, Covid-19, changed our lives...
Here is Hugh's specialist opinion on the pandemic and the future of Bridge.

Some questions about you, first.
How and when did you start playing Bridge?
I started playing at about 15. My mother played bridge and I learnt from watching games at home.

Many players of the National teams are full time bridge PROs. How can you combine your job with your love and commitment for Bridge? How can you find time for both?
Working full time as a doctor and playing serious bridge is challenging. It means working extra days/ hours to build up leave then using that for bridge tournaments. Usually flying in late the night before an event then directly back to work from the event (Work colleagues usually ask whether I have I had a relaxing break!)

What is you favourite bridge memory?
Being part of the Irish team that won the silver medal in the 2004 European championships in Warsaw.

What do you think about online Bridge? Is it Bridge or is it a 'different game'?
I really miss face to face bridge and am not a big fan of playing serious events on line. Working as a doctor during the covid pandemic has been busy with many long days. I often finish a 12 hour day then immediately log into BBO to play an event such as ALT or OCBL. Perhaps not surprisingly my bridge has been poor, my partner has been unhappy and this has reduced, my enjoyment of playing on-line.

Let's take advantage of your knowledge in order to understand the global situation about the pandemic better...
Can you tell us your experience about working with the pandemic? How has that affected your daily routine and your job?
I work as an infectious diseases physician in a large teaching hospital in the UK. It has been a tough year for everyone working in the hospital with large numbers of patients admitted unwell with covid. We have got used to wearing PPE throughout the day.

What we all want to know is: when do you feel that we will be able to enjoy face-to-face international Bridge events again? (European Championships, World Championships, NABCs...)
I hope in 2021 but I am not confident the situation will be stable enough or all the players will be vaccinated in time, to allow the European championships proceed in June. Maybe by Autumn we will be in able to play large events again.

Do you think that players will be required to have a certificate in order to be able to play (e.g. positive antibodies tests, vaccination♢)?
Possibly this/next year a certificate confirming they have had 2 doses of a coronavirus vaccine

The virus has spread from Wuhan – and it is now certain that it was there well before December 2019. Many of us attended the 2019 World Championships that were held in Wuhan in the second half of September. Does that mean that we may have cought Covid-19 (maybe asymptomatically)?
It seem the earliest infections were in October 2019 so probably not..

Do you think that safety guidelines for Bridge events should be implemented from now on, regardless of the current pandemic, in order to prevent also the spread of other viruses or germs and avoid new potential pandemics?
I am sure organisers will implement new procedures when face to face tournaments re-start. I am not sure how well bridge players will observe these precautions

Do you think that Bridge will be permanently changed by the pandemic? If yes, how?
I hope not, but I think bridge will not be the same as pre pandemic. I suspect serious on-line bridge is here to stay, possibly with some events on-line and others face to face.
Large face to face events may have smaller attendances.
Players with health problems may be reluctant to take risk and the convenience and lower cost of on-line bridge will be attractive now that it has been become acceptable

What do we know about vaccines and immunity at the moment? How long will people be protected by either vaccines or natural immunity?
The answers to these questions are still not clear. It looks as if having had covid, natural immunity is around 85% protective and lasts at least 7 months. This is similar to vaccines which have been amazingly effective in clinical trials with up to 95% protection.
How long vaccine immunity lasts is unknown and we may need boosters each winter.

How much worried should we be about the new Sars-CoV-2 variants?
The new variants seem to be much more transmissible but not cause more severe illness.
The real concern is whether there will be a variant that will make the current vaccines less or non-effective.

How do you see the future of the world? Will we be wearing face masks forever, keeping distance, etc., or will we be back to normalcy?
Hoping normality will be back by 2022!

OCBL MIXED LEAGUE - RESULTS

ROUND 4

Potter	**6.19** VPs 42 IMPs	**13.81** VPs 58 IMPs	**Alpert**	
OPEN ROOM N: Huang S. S: Michielsen M.	CLOSED ROOM E: Rimstedt C. W: Dwyer K.	OPEN ROOM E: Fruscoloni L. W: Alpert C.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hoyos C. S: Seamon-M. J.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81483-1610897894				
Cole	**3.2** VPs 35 IMPs	**16.8** VPs 69 IMPs	**Carmichael**	
OPEN ROOM N: Cole M. S: Bianchedi A.	CLOSED ROOM E: Koeppel L. W: Tokay M.	OPEN ROOM E: Carmichael J. W: Carmichael T.	CLOSED ROOM N: Lee R. S: Moss S.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81485-1610897910				
Sleepless in Seattle	**2.81** VPs 24 IMPs	**17.19** VPs 61 IMPs	**Fan**	
OPEN ROOM N: Ekinci O. S: Bauer T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Sieg E. W: Eng K.	OPEN ROOM E: Ho-Yee So W: Li-Jen Chen	CLOSED ROOM N: Kang-Wei Fan S: Po-Ya Tsai	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81489-1610897927				
Munich	**11.59** VPs 50 IMPs	**8.41** VPs 44 IMPs	**Weekend Warriors**	
OPEN ROOM N: Baldysz Z. S: Gotard T.	CLOSED ROOM E: Schneider M. W: Smykalla G.	OPEN ROOM E: Zur Campanile M. W: Rosenthal A.	CLOSED ROOM N: Wooldridge J. S: Edmonds J.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81493-1610897942				
Pace e Salute	**8.41** VPs 43 IMPs	**11.59** VPs 49 IMPs	**Medium Rare**	
OPEN ROOM N: Bessis T. S: Baroni I.	CLOSED ROOM E: Franceschetti P. W: Setton H.	OPEN ROOM E: Baskan B. W: Salhon R.	CLOSED ROOM N: Fehrenbach S. S: Tuncok C.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81821-1610899298				
Robinson	**14.39** VPs 58 IMPs	**5.61** VPs 39 IMPs	**Puzzles**	
OPEN ROOM N: Grossack Z. S: Robinson L.	CLOSED ROOM E: Grossack A. W: Parker C.	OPEN ROOM E: Niederman D. W: Malaspina P.	CLOSED ROOM N: Hawkes J. S: Rahtjen A.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81851-1610899370				
Sugi	**10.55** VPs 35 IMPs	**9.45** VPs 33 IMPs	**Harris**	
OPEN ROOM N: Elwindra S: Nurkunyil A.	CLOSED ROOM E: Peihua L. W: Kelvin N.	OPEN ROOM E: Gold M. W: Harris J.	CLOSED ROOM N: Root S. S: Gross S.	
SCORE: https://webutil.bridgebase.com/v2/tview.php?t=81868-1610899450				

BUTLER RANKING

	Name	Team	Result	Boards
1	Ho-Yee So (Qriousbaby)	Fan	1.96	20
	Li-Jen Chen (Mrsigma)	Fan	1.96	20
3	Dobrescu R. (ralooka)	Cole	1.65	40
	Greenberg T. (ted greenb)	Cole	1.65	40
5	Cullin P.O. (pocken)	Potter	1.33	20
6	Alpert C. (Clairee2)	Alpert	1.23	40
7	Fruscoloni L. (frusco)	Alpert	1.21	30
8	Potter C. (ohceep)	Potter	1.12	20
9	Carmichael J. (moonbeam42)	Carmichael	0.88	50
	Carmichael T. (TomC)	Carmichael	0.88	50
11	Michielsen M. (lady007)	Potter	0.73	60
12	Ivatury U. (uday)	Carmichael	0.72	40
	Henner C. (christal)	Carmichael	0.72	40
14	Versace A. (nevaio)	Alpert	0.69	50
15	Tuncok C. (ctuncok)	Medium Rare	0.64	80
	Fehrenbach S. (bignana1)	Medium Rare	0.64	80
17	Pramotton E. (Manu76)	Alpert	0.54	40
18	Molson J. (janicem)	Alpert	0.49	80
	Hoyos C. (charlie111)	Alpert	0.49	80
20	Eggeling M. (marabelle)	Munich	0.34	60
21	Donner G. (GDonnerSC1)	Weekend Warriors	0.34	40
	Rimstedt S. (sandria)	Weekend Warriors	0.34	40
23	Huang S. (precisebri)	Potter	0.34	60
24	Schneider M. (docms)	Munich	0.33	60
	Smykalla G. (karo72003)	Munich	0.33	60
26	Parker C. (CMP56)	Robinson	0.31	60
	Grossack A. (nevereast)	Robinson	0.31	60
28	Dwyer K. (kdwyer)	Potter	0.26	80
29	Bessis T. (malpaluche)	Pace e Salute	0.26	80
	Baroni I. (princi)	Pace e Salute	0.26	80
31	Robinson L. (saba)	Robinson	0.25	60
	Grossack Z. (germs345)	Robinson	0.25	60
33	Grünke P. (thetaker)	Munich	0.16	40
34	Hor-yung Koo (Charmian)	Fan	0.15	60
	Kwok-fai Mak (Kfmak)	Fan	0.15	60
36	Bauer T. (Marintlc)	Sleepless in Seattle	0.15	80
	Ekinci O. (ekinci)	Sleepless in Seattle	0.15	80
38	Zur Campanile M. (migry)	Weekend Warriors	0.11	80
	Rosenthal A. (andrewr)	Weekend Warriors	0.11	80
40	Gotard T. (Tomi2)	Munich	0.07	60
41	Rimstedt C. (CillaR)	Potter	0.02	80
42	Kang-Wei Fan (firebolt)	Fan	-0.22	80
	Po-Ya Tsai (Mummy43)	Fan	-0.22	80
44	Koeppel L. (lgkoeppel)	Cole	-0.23	60
	Tokay M. (tokay1975)	Cole	-0.23	60
46	Lee R. (rogerclee)	Carmichael	-0.23	40
	Moss S. (sylvie)	Carmichael	-0.23	40
48	Andy Leo (andyleo)	Sugi	-0.24	20
	Kuan-Hsuan Chen (qq0628)	Sugi	-0.24	20
50	Donn J. (jdonn)	Carmichael	-0.25	30
	Winestock S. (sheri)	Carmichael	-0.25	30
52	Baldysz Z. (zofiumb)	Munich	-0.26	40
53	Cole M. (mtc146)	Cole	-0.27	60
	Bianchedi A. (alecuque)	Cole	-0.27	60
55	Kelvin N. (smoz)	Sugi	-0.27	60
	Peihua L. (peihua)	Sugi	-0.27	60
57	Eng K. (keng777)	Sleepless in Seattle	-0.3	80
	Sieg E. (Vilgan)	Sleepless in Seattle	-0.3	80
59	Root S. (AsNuttyAs)	Harris	-0.43	80
	Gross S. (sgross)	Harris	-0.43	80
61	Niederman D. (MrKnight)	Puzzles	-0.48	80
	Malaspina P. (greeleygrl)	Puzzles	-0.48	80
63	Elwindra (gabrialsew)	Sugi	-0.51	40
64	Nurkunyil A. (nurkunyil)	Sugi	-0.53	80
65	Sugiharto (sugi)	Sugi	-0.55	40
66	Setton H. (Ldase)	Pace e Salute	-0.57	80
	Franceschetti P. (gewd)	Pace e Salute	-0.57	80
68	Harris J. (Jdache)	Harris	-0.58	80
	Gold M. (marusab)	Harris	-0.58	80
70	Edmonds J. (jodi e)	Weekend Warriors	-0.69	40
	Wooldridge J. (firechief)	Weekend Warriors	-0.69	40
72	Salhon R. (limini)	Medium Rare	-0.72	80
	Baskan B. (baskanb)	Medium Rare	-0.72	80
74	Hawkes J. (locushawk)	Puzzles	-0.94	80
	Rahtjen A. (sweetsouth)	Puzzles	-0.94	80
76	Rubenstein S. (StewR)	Robinson	-1.41	40
	Tebha A. (AnamTebha)	Robinson	-1.41	40

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OCBL JANUARY OPEN TEAMS

18 - 22 January, 2021

FORMAT

QUALIFICATION

The field is divided into 3 groups (A, B, C) of 8 Open Teams each.
For each group, the qualification stage will be played in the form of a Round Robin (7 Rounds).
The qualification stage will consist of 112 boards per team: 7 Rounds x 16 boards each.

The results of each match shall be converted into Victory Points in accordance with the appropriate WBF IMP/VP scales.
In case of having a tie between two teams, the mutual results will decide and if there are still tied the team that has the most wins (BAM style) will qualify.

FINAL

The top two teams from each group and the two best third will advance to the Final.
The Final stage will consist of 3 matches of Swiss by 16 boards each.
The qualified teams will bring all the VPs earned during the qualification stage as carryover.

The draw for the 1st round of the Final Stage will be:
#1 vs #8 #2 vs #7 #3 vs #6 #4 vs #5

The draw for the 2nd and 3rd round of the final will be Swiss according to the ranking.

Send us your up-to-date pic, please!

It has been a long time since many of us last met and we are doing our best to make your online Bridge experience as valuable as we can.

Obviously when producing Bridge articles it is necessary to use photos from the archives, as the last international face-to-face Bridge event was held several months ago (the 2020 Winter Games in Monaco).

Since online play is at the moment our new ‘present’, we would like to represent it as it is!

So if you can please send us a picture (can be a selfie)
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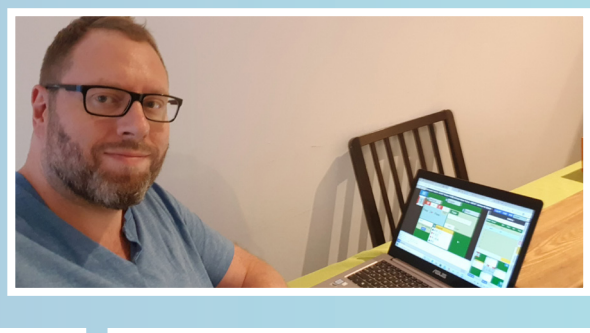

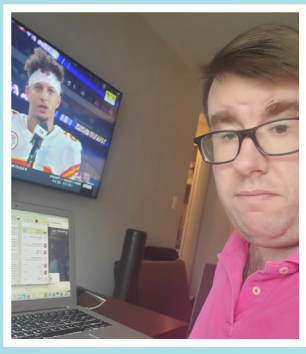

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GROUP A

REGISTERED TEAMS

KEEVA'S MONSTERS
Tebha A. (anamtebha), Donn J. (jdonn), Hinze G. (ghinze), Fleischmann J. (umfleisc), Demuy V. (Okvince), Lien O. (Olien), Del'Monte I. (ishd), Kolesnik F. (fkolesnik), Jones A. (rduran1216)

APPLE
Setton H. (Ldase), Brink S. (Sjoertbr), Robert Q. (ptit), Franceschetti P. (gewd), Drijver Bas (BasDr)

MOSS
Moss S. (sylvie), Goodman A. (agoodman1), Rimstedt O. (olarim), Lee R. (rogerclee), Dwyer K. (kdwyer), Rimstedt M. (Mikaelrim)

SALVO
Zorlu N. (begse), Kubac N. (nezihk), Aslan B. (baylind), Gur O. (okaygur), Aluf S. (monk99), Ucar A. (no weak), Umur O. (ttlfb), Yılmaz G. (yilmaz_g), Köksoy E. (Koksoy)

TILLY
Castner K. (Jafra), Amoils L. (amoils), Tommasini S. (Stefanot), Khandelwal A. (Fide51), King P. (philking), Hanlon T. (kinder1), Kristensen S. (silversc)

LESLIE
Bell M. (MickyB), Byrne M. (Mgb81), Leslie T. (Culross66), Norton B. (Bechno), Dyke K. (Woozle)

HOTAGROSSTEIN
Hotamisligil S. (selenh), Grossack Z. (germs345), Rubenstein S. (stewr), Grossack A. (nevereast)

HEDGE YOUR BETS
Ramos J. (couchbaron), Kolesnik A. (Kolesnik), Ganzer C. (ganz), Towner M. (Shabambu32), Baseggio F. (baseggio), Scaramuzzi R. (birdo)

GROUP A Round Robin SCHEDULE

ROUND 1. Monday 18 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Keeva's Monsters
Leslie	VS	Tilly
Salvo	VS	Apple
Hotagrosstein	VS	Moss

ROUND 2. Monday 18 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Apple
Hotagrosstein	VS	Leslie
Tilly	VS	Moss
Keeva's Monsters	VS	Salvo

ROUND 3. Tuesday 19 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Moss
Keeva's Monsters	VS	Hotagrosstein
Leslie	VS	Salvo
Apple	VS	Tilly

ROUND 4. Tuesday 19 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Salvo
Apple	VS	Keeva's Monsters
Hotagrosstein	VS	Tilly
Moss	VS	Leslie

ROUND 5. Wednesday 20 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Tilly
Moss	VS	Apple
Keeva's Monsters	VS	Leslie
Salvo	VS	Hotagrosstein

ROUND 6. Wednesday 20 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Leslie
Salvo	VS	Moss
Apple	VS	Hotagrosstein
Tilly	VS	Keeva's Monsters

ROUND 7. Thursday 21 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Hedge Your Bets	VS	Hotagrosstein
Tilly	VS	Salvo
Moss	VS	Keeva's Monsters
Leslie	VS	Apple

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GROUP B

REGISTERED TEAMS

BLACK
Black A. (boggis), McIntosh A. (mcintosh), Hult S. (hultahult),
Gold D. (dagold), Paske T. (thomas1000), Hallberg G. (rerack)

1C
Auken S. (jcmax), Jagniewski R. (mlodybog), Reps K. (rops),
Welland R. (roy), Gawel W. (redds), Fritsche J. (joefri)

FREDIN
Fredin P. (P_Fredin), Apteker A. (alonap), Sylvan J. (JoppeSyl),
Morath A. (andersm), Wildavsky A. (adamw), Polowan M. (mpny)

WILSON
Wilson A. (flyfalcon), Mendes de Leon G. (guymdl), Kiljan V. (Vkill),
Verhees L. (loukie), Gronkvist I. (Halko), Van Prooijen R. (riccovp),
Sprinkhuizen T. (thibos), Tijssen L. (luctijs), Gronkvist M. (Mike_G)

SKEIDAR
Andresen M. (Mime477), Farstad A. (Kha66), Johansen T. (Brulle),
Berg E. (eberg), Helgemo G. (micelle45), Aaseng L. (Lasseaa),
Kristoffersen C. (Stoffers)

RIPPEY
Rippey M. (radiators), Thurston P. (Thurston), Kimelmam N. (NDK),
Garozzo B. (sillafu), Ewashkiw M. (Quintefox), Bart B. (bsbart)

HARRIS
Root S. (AsNuttyAs), Malhasyan E. (master DJ), Harris J. (Jdache),
Trendafilov R. (rumen), Igoe N. (ibraves), Gold M. (marusab),
Isporski V. (smileyv)

SCORWAY
Levinson S. (sc0tsteve), Kvangraven N. (Nils123),
Silverstone V. (Odysseus69), Ovesen J. (Arne),
Saur O. (Saurdino), Shenkin B. (Barnets),
Lie T. (Terjel), Diamond D. (Derekd), Brekka G. (kaninen)

GROUP B Round Robin SCHEDULE

ROUND 1. Monday 18 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Black
Rippey	VS	Skeidar
Wilson	VS	1C
Harris	VS	Fredin

ROUND 2. Monday 18 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Scorway	VS	1C
Harris	VS	Rippey
Skeidar	VS	Fredin
Black	VS	Wilson

ROUND 3. Tuesday 19 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Fredin
Black	VS	Harris
Rippey	VS	Wilson
1C	VS	Skeidar

ROUND 4. Tuesday 19 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Wilson
1C	VS	Black
Harris	VS	Skeidar
Fredin	VS	Rippey

ROUND 5. Wednesday 20 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Skeidar
Fredin	VS	1C
Black	VS	Rippey
Wilson	VS	Harris

ROUND 6. Wednesday 20 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Rippey
Wilson	VS	Fredin
1C	VS	Harris
Skeidar	VS	Black

ROUND 7. Thursday 21 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Scorway	VS	Harris
Skeidar	VS	Wilson
Fredin	VS	Black
Rippey	VS	1C

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GROUP C

REGISTERED TEAMS

ZHAO
Zhao C. (zhaochen), Muller B. (beukertje),
Verbeek T. (timve), Loo C. (bridgeboy),
Liu J. (Liujing), de Wijs S. (sm1), Molenaar D. (dannymo)

DE BOTTON
De Botton J. (Capt Lulu), Malinowski A. (malisuper),
Charlsen T. (tcharlsen), Bakhshi D. (Bakhshi),
Townsend T. (mug), Hoftaniska T.E. (Kasper20), Padon D. (Drorp)

RED DEVILS
Dedonder S. (pikarek), Vandervorst M. (ratabar),
Deroos S. (stevedr), Arts G. (stratreeg1),
Babhout S. (sambah), Caputo P. (caputo),
Engel Z. (hros), Coenraets P. (philippeiv)

HUNISR
Winkler G. (winkiboy), Dumbovich M. (dumbovich),
Szabo C. (csaboka13), Birman A. (Hatol), Lakatos P. (nyul11)

OLCZYK
Olczyk J. (jerzyo48), Filipowicz D. (consus88),
Wiankowski P. (vifon_e), Niedzielski P. (consus2),
Cieslak J. (palnik22), Nawrocki P. (nawrot)

KHALIDON
Eythorsdottir H. (Disa), Smith R. (ronsmithsf),
Cohen B. (billycohen), Dunitz M. (dunitz),
Lewis L (vegaslew), Lewis P. (pjaylewis)

BIG TEN
Kranyak K (kranko2013), Capelli R. (rjcapp),
Katz B. (Bob Katz), Becker P. (badger49)

AMALGAMATED
Cole M. (mtc146), Yilmaz O. (ovncylmz),
Johanssen L.A. (larsarthur), Bianchedi A. (alecuque),
Seker D. (possessed), Grude T.E. (teg91)

GROUP C Round Robin SCHEDULE

ROUND 1. Monday 18 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Zhao
Khalidon	VS	Olczyk
Hunisr	VS	De Botton
Big Ten	VS	Red Devils

ROUND 2. Monday 18 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	De Botton
Big Ten	VS	Khalidon
Olczyk	VS	Red Devils
Zhao	VS	Hunisr

ROUND 3. Tuesday 19 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Red Devils
Zhao	VS	Big Ten
Khalidon	VS	Hunisr
De Botton	VS	Olczyk

ROUND 4. Tuesday 19 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Hunisr
De Botton	VS	Zhao
Big Ten	VS	Olczyk
Red Devils	VS	Khalidon

ROUND 5. Wednesday 20 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Olczyk
Red Devils	VS	De Botton
Zhao	VS	Khalidon
Hunisr	VS	Big Ten

ROUND 6. Wednesday 20 January. 19.00 CET / 13.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Khalidon
Hunisr	VS	Red Devils
De Botton	VS	Big Ten
Olczyk	VS	Zhao

ROUND 7. Thursday 21 January. 16.00 CET / 10.00 EST

Amalgamated	VS	Big Ten
Olczyk	VS	Hunisr
Red Devils	VS	Zhao
Khalidon	VS	De Botton

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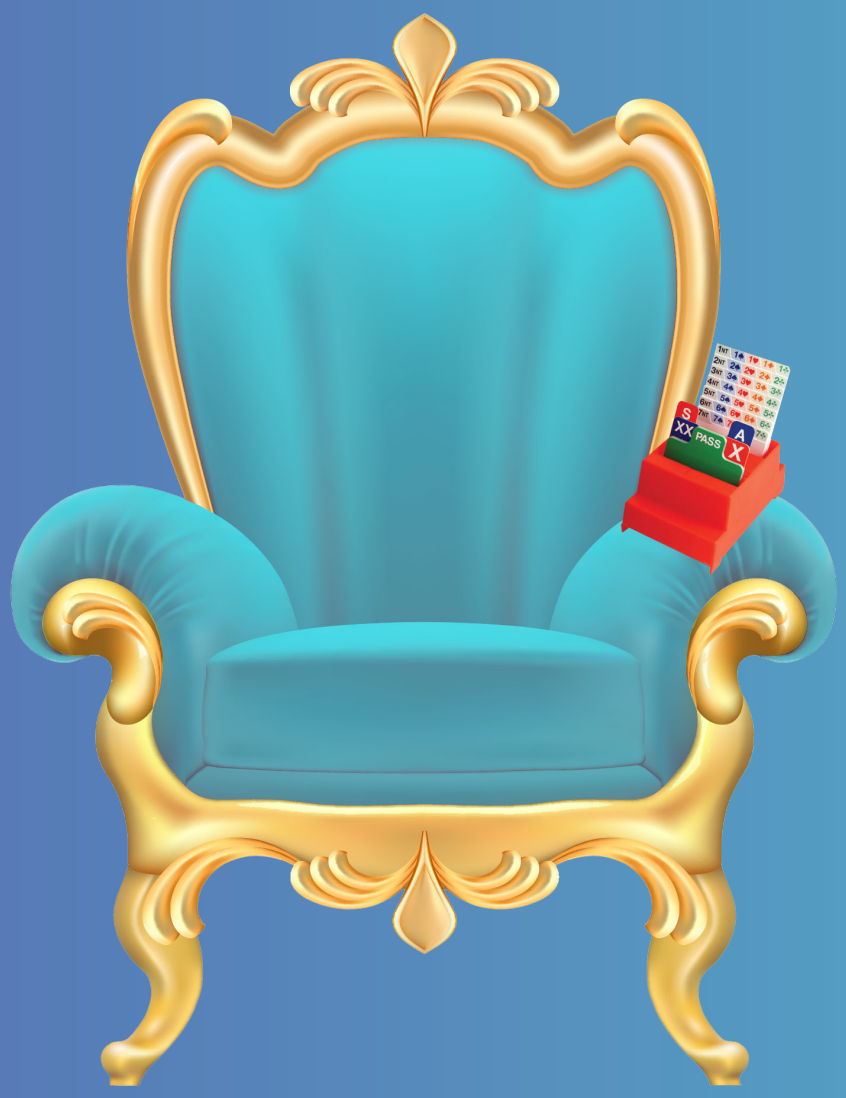

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